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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Registration and Stamps – Allegation of corruption against Sri Pilli Pothu Raju, former Joint Sub Registrar, Visakhapatnam – Trapped on 22-1-2016 – Initiation of Departmental Proceedings against Sri Pilli Pothu Raju, former Joint Sub Registrar, Visakhapatnam (Retd.) – Articles of Charges - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.1098 Dated:27.11.2023
Read:-

G.O.Ms.No.566, Revenue (Vig.II) Department, Dated:27.11.2023.

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ORDER:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of the A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for instituting departmental proceedings against Sri Pilli Pothu Raju, former Joint Sub Registrar, Visakhapatnam (Retd.), vide G.O. read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri Pilli Pothu Raju, former Joint Sub Registrar, Visakhapatnam (Retd.), in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri Pilli Pothu Raju, former Joint Sub Registrar, Visakhapatnam (Retd.) is directed to submit his written statement of defence, within 7 days of the receipt of this Order.

4. Sri Pilli Pothu Raju, former Joint Sub Registrar, Visakhapatnam (Retd.) is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri Pilli Pothu Raju, former Joint Sub Registrar, Visakhapatnam (Retd.) is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, or does not appear in person before the inquiring authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991, or the orders / directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the inquiring authority may hold the inquiry against him ex parte.

6. The receipt of this G.O may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Pilli Pothu Raju, former Joint Sub Registrar, Visakhapatnam (Retd.) (through the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Visakhapatnam with a request to serve the G.O, to the individual and furnish the served copy with dated acknowledgement for record).

(P.T.O)

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The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, A.P., Tadepalli, Guntur District.
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Visakhapatnam.
Copy to:
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada.
SF/SC.

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ANNEXURE – I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI PILLI POTHU RAJU, S/O LATE APPALA NARASAIAH, JOINT SUB-REGISTRAR-I, VISAKHAPATNAM (R.O.), VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT.

That Sri Pilli Pothu Raju, S/o. late Appalanarasaiah is working as Joint Sub-Registrar-1 since 06-03-2014 in the O/o. Joint Sub-Registrar-I, Visakhapatnam (R.O.). While working as such from 06-03-2014 to 22-01-2016, he committed grave misconduct in as much as.

CHARGE -I :

On 22-10-2016, he demanded bribe of Rs.10,000/- from Sri Jogi Saptagiri Siva Prasad to deliver the registered sale deed to him and accepted the said amount through Sri K.Appa Rao, Junior Asst., O/o. Joint Sub-Registrar-I, Visakhapatnam to receive the bribe.

CHARGE-II :

He engaged a private person Sri Koppella Harish Varma to attend official work.

Thus, Sri Pilli Pothu Raju, S/o. late Appala Narasaiah, Joint Sub-Registrar-I, Visakhapatnam (R.O.), Visakhapatnam district by his above mentioned acts, exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) & (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Dr.K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE – II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF THE CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI PILLI POTHU RAJU, S/O LATE APPALA NARASAIAH, JOINT SUB REGISTRAR-I, VISAKHAPATNAM (R.O), VISAKHAPATNAM

Sri Pilli Pothu Raju, S/o Late Appalanarasaih, Joint Sub Registrar-I, Visakhapatnam (R.O), Visakhapatnam District. His date of birth is 15.12.1958. He joined in Govt. service in Stamps & Registration Department on 05.04.1983 as Jr. Assistant in the O/o District Registrar, Vizianagaram District and worked in the same capacity at Nellimarla, Vizianagaram. Later he got his promotion as Sr. Assistant on 19.07.1986 and worked at Vizianagaram. Further he was promoted as Sub Registrar Grade-II on 27.11.1994 and worked at palakonda, Vizianagaram, Nakkapalli, Trlam, Sabbavarasm, Madhurawada, Lankelapalem and Visakhapatnam in various capacities. Presently he is working as Joint Sub registrar (Gd-I) at Visakhapatnam (R.O) from 06.03.2014 to 22.01.2016 (Date of trap/incident). He is drawing Basic pay of Rs.63,010/-. He is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.12.2018. Here-in-after he is referred to as Government Servant.

CHARGE -I :

On 22-10-2016, he demanded bribe of Rs.10,000/- from Sri Jogi Saptagiri Siva Prasad to deliver the registered sale deed to him and accepted the said amount through Sri K. Appa Rao, Junior Asst., O/o. Joint Sub-Registrar-I, Visakhapatnam to receive the bribe.

Facts & Evidence:

Brief facts are that Sri Jogi Saptagiri Siva Prasad, S/o Surya Rao, 30 years, R/o D.No. 10-56-85, Nehru Nagar, Near Ram Nagar, Visakhapatnam purchased a flat bearing No.TF-3, D.No. 10-11-37, Ramnagar, Visakhapatnam from Sri Kandipalli Surya Rao. On 20.01.2016 he went to the office of Joint Sub Registrar-I, Visakhapatnam for registration of the said flat and paid required registration charges and etc. The concerned clerk in the office of Joint sub registrar-I uploaded the details of the document details in the computer and gave two acknowledgements & Documents and asked Sri Jogi Saptagiri Siva Prasad to meet the Joint sub-Registrar-I. Accordingly, when Sri Jogi Saptagiri Sriva Prasad and vender met the Joint sub-Registrar-I Sri Pilli Pothu Raju i.e. the Government Servant, he verified the documents and asked vendor whether he received sale amount or not. The vender replied positively. Then the G.S. demanded Sri Jogi Saptagiri Sriva Prasad to pay 1% Commission of document value i.e Rs.27,500/- for registration of the document and to deliver the same. On repeated requests of Sri Jogi Saptagiri Siva Prasad, the G.S. reduced the bribe amount to Rs.10,000/-. When Sri Jogi Saptagiri Siva Prasad informed to the G.S. that he was not having that much of amount, the G.S. asked him to bring the amount to his office on 22.1.2016 at 12.00 Noon and give it either to him or to a person directed by him and collect the sale deed. Having no other alternative Sri Jogi Saptagiri Siva Prasad agreed to give the said bribe amount to the G.S. But as he was not willing to give bribe amount to the G.S., he gave a report to the DSP, ACB, Visakhapatnam on 21.1.2016 to take necessary action against the Government Servant.

After following due procedure, the DSP, ACB registered a case in crime No.1/RCT-VSP/2016 for offence under section 7 of P.C. Act and organized to lay a trap on 21.1.2016 against the Government Servant.

During the trap proceedings on 22.1.2016, the Government Servant was trapped in his office, when he further demanded bribe of Rs.10,000/- from Sri Jogi Saptagiri Sriva Prasad and accepted the same through Sri K.Apparao, Jr. Asst., working in the office of Government Servant. After receiving the amount the said Apparao gave to the document writer Sri Shanmukha Rao and he kept the said amount in the pocket of his trousers.

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During the post trap proceedings the G.S. stated that he asked Sri Jogi Saptagiri Siva Prasad to give the amount to Jr. Asst. Sri K. Apparao. Sri Jogi Saptagiri Siva Prasad also informed that as per the instructions of the Government Servant, he gave the bribe amount to the Jr. Asst. Sri K. Apparao. When the DSP questioned Sri K.Apparao, Jr. Asst. he informed that on the instructions of the Government Servant, he received bribe amount of Rs.10,000/- from Sri Jogi Saptagiri Siva Prasad, counted with both hand fingers and then gave to document writer Sri Shanmukha Rao. The said Shanmukharao also stated that he received the amount of Rs.10,000/- from Sri K. Apparao, Jr. Asst. and kept in the pocket of his trousers. So saying he produced the amount of Rs.10,000/- from his pocket and it was seized. The denominations and serial numbers of the said currency notes compared with the serial numbers and denominations of the currency notes handed over by Sri Jogi Saptagiri Siva Prasad during pre trap proceedings and noted in the Mediators Report-I. Both the hand fingers of the Jr. Asst. Sri K. Apparao and both the hand fingers and inner linings of trouser pocket of the document writer Sri Shanmukharao were subjected to Sodium Carbonate Solution Test and they yielded positive result.

Further Jr.Asst., K.Apparao stated that after receiving the bribe amount from Sri Jogi Saptagiri Siva Prasad, he collected the registered sale deed was of the said Sri Jogi Saptagiri Siva Prasad from the attendar and handed over the same to Sri Jogi Siva Prasad by taking acknowledgement to him. Sri Jogi Saptagiri Siva Prasad also stated that after receiving bribe amount, Sri K.Apparao gave it to document writer, collected the registered sale deed from attendar Rajeswari and gave it to him. The investigation in the case revealed that the Government Servant received bribe amount of Rs.10,000/- from Sri Jogi Saptagiri Siva Prasad, on behalf of the Joint Sub-Registrar Sri Pilli Pothu Raju accepted said amount same through the Jr. Asst. Sri K. Apparao and got delivered the sale deed to Sri Jogi Saptagiri Siva Prasad through the said Apparao.

CHARGE-II

Sri Pilli Pothu Raju, S/o Late Appalanarasaih, Joint Sub Registrar-I, Visakhapatnam (R.O) engaged a private person Sri Koppela Harish Varma to attend official work.

Facts & Evidence:

On credible information that the Government Servant worked as Joint Sub Registrar-I, Visakhapatnam (R.O) from 06.03.2014 to 22.01.2016 (date of Trap). During his tenure at the O/o Joint Sub Registrar-I, Visakhapatnam (R.O), the G.S. engaged a private person Sri Koppela Harish Varma to attend official work in the office of Joint sub registrar-I, Visakhapatnam. During course of post trap proceedings on 22.01.2016. The office staff or the G.S. who were present in the office stated to the DSP that the G.S. engaged Sri Koppela Harish Varma a private employee to attend office routine work.

Thus, by above mentioned acts Sri Pilli Pothu Raju, S/O Late Appalanarasaiah, Joint Sub Registrar-I, Visakhapatnam (R.O), Visakhapatnam District exhibited lack integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Govt. servant and thereby contravened rule 3(1) & (2) of A.P. Civil Services (conduct) Rules, 1964 and rendered himself liable for regular departmental action.

Dr.K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY
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ANNEXURE – III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI PILLI POTHU RAJU, S/O LATE APPALA NARASAIAH, JOINT SUB REGISTRAR-I, VISAKHAPATNAM (R.O), VISAKHAPATNAM (RETIRED) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS:

1. FIR in Cr.No.01/RCT-VSP/2016 of ACB., Visakhapatnam Range.
2. Mediators Report-II dated 22.01.2016 drafted by the mediators in the office of AO-1 situated at the O/o Joint Sub Registrar, Visakhapatnam (R.O).
3. Mediators Report dated 25.01.2016 drafted at the residential premises of Sri S. Radha Krishna, private document writer situated at D.No.22-74-25, SKML Street, Opp. Gosha Hospital, Visakhapatnam.
4. Statement of Sri Reddi Damodara Rao, S/o late Appala Naidu, 54 years, District Registrar, Visakhapatnam, r/o Flat No.502, Patro's Vinayagar North Avenue, CBM Compound, Visakhapatnam.
5. Statement of Sri Korada Ravi Kumar, S/o late Janardhana Rao, 32 Yrs, Jr. Asst., O/o Sub Registrar, Visakhapatnam, r/o D.No. 55-7-44/1, H.B. Colony, Krishna College Road, Visakhapatnam.
6. Statement of Sri Alavilli Srinivasa Rao, S/o late Venkata Ramana, 43 Yrs, Jr. Asst., O/o Sub registrar, Visakhapatnam, r/o D. No.27-19-15, Bahadura Road, Gajula Veedhi, Visakhapatnam.
7. Statement of Sri Mahanthi Rama Krishna, S/o late Tata Rao, 34 Yrs, Jr.Asst., O/o. Sub Registrar, Visakhapatnam r/o D.No.17-19, Prahladapuram (near Bus stop) Visakhapatnam.
8. Statement of Sri Kavikondala Sai Ramachandra Rao, S/o late Venkata Satyanarayana, 58 Yrs, Junior Assistant, Stamp counter, O/o Sub Registrar, Visakhapatnam, R/o Flat No-203, Aditya Vihar, Kurmannapalem, Visakhapatnam.
9. Statement of Sri Yellumahanthi Krishna Chandra Patro, S/o late Murali Krishna Patro, 33 Yrs, Sr. Asst, O/o Sub Registrar, Visakhapatnam, r/o D.No.44-19-12, Railway New Colony, Tatichetlapalem, Visakhapatnam.
10. Statement of Sri Muvva Pydi Raju, S/o late Gangaiah, 54 Yrs, Joint Sub Registrar, Visakhapatnam r/o Flat No-I03, Laxminivas, Indira Gandhi nagar, Old Dairy Form, Visakhapatnam.
11. Statement of Smt Kondapalli Naga Rajeswari, W/o late Venkata Krishna Nageswara Rao, 36 Yrs, Office Subordinate, O/o. Jt.SRO-1, Visakhapatnam r/o D.No.10-7, Pallapu veedhi, Munagapaka Village & Mandal, Visakhapatnam District.
12. Statement of Sri Koppella Harish Varma, S/o late Blaram Raju, 35 Yrs, Out Sourcing Employee, O/o Sub Registrar, Visakhapatnam, r/o D.No.9-3-21/4/1, Sivaji palem, Visakhapatnam.
13. Statement of Sri Darapu Jagadish Kumar, S/o Nageswara Rao, 30 years, document writer, r/o D.No.37-4-30, Surya Nagar-2, Industrial Estates post, Visakhapatnam.
14. Statement of Sri Yarabala Pattabhi Lakshmana Rao, S/o Appa Rao, 33 Yrs, document writer, r/o D.No.13-14-8, Dibbalapalem, Maharanipeta, Visakhapatnam.
15. If any document required at the time of enquiry will be submitted.

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ANNEXURE – IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI PILLI POTHU RAJU, S/O LATE APPALA NARASAIAH, JOINT SUB REGISTRAR-I, VISAKHAPATNAM (R.O), VISAKHAPATNAM (RETIRED) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

LIST OF WITNESSES:

1. Sri Jogi Saptagiri Siva Prasad, S/o Surya Rao, 30 Yrs is a resident of D. No. 10-56-85, Nehru Nagar, Near Ram Nagar, Visakhapatnam.
2. Sri Reddi Damodara Rao, S/o late Appala Naidu, 54 years, District Registrar, Visakhapatnam, r/o Flat No.502, Patro's Vinayagar North Avenue, CBM Compound, Visakhapatnam.
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13. Sri M.V. Ramana Murthy, Inspector of Police, ACB, Visakhapatnam.
14. Sri K.V.R.K. Prasad, Dy. Supdt of Police, ACB, Visakhapatnam.

MEDIATORS:

1. Sri Kamkatala Ram.anajee, S/o Venkata Raju, 44 Yrs, Head Master, Z.P. High School, Gunnempudi, Butchayyapeta Mandal, R/o D. No. 26-54-12, Prasanthi Nagar, Old Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam City.
2. Sri Gusidi Chandra Mouli, S/o Rama Rao, 47 Yrs, School Asst. Z.P. High School, Pudimadaka, Atchutapuram Mandal, R/o D. No. 49-37-11, NGGO's Colony, Akkayyapalem, Visakhapatnam.
3. Sri Ponakalla Venkata Ranga Reddy, S/o late Gopala Krishna, 45 Yrs, Dist. Inspector, Legal Metrology, Circle-III, Gajuwaka. R/o Flat No. 115, S.S. Gardens Apartments, Sector-II, MVP Colony, Visakhapatnam.
4. Sri Sivvam Mallikarjuna Radha Krishna, S/o late Laxmana Swami, 47 Yrs, Inspector, Legal Metrology, Visakhapatnam City, R/o Flat No. 203, Hari Priya Apartments, KRM Colony, Visakhapatnam.

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